

DOE is to provide a backup capability to supply a baseline production level of 10 to 30 percent of current United States demand for Mo-99. The near term goal also includes establishing the capability to supply 100 percent of the United States demand for Mo-99 should the existing Canadian source be unavailable. The baseline capability would maintain the capabilities of the facilities and staff needed to respond on short notice to supply the entire United States demand if necessary.

It is the Department's position that, in the long-term, the domestic production of Mo-99 should be conducted by the private sector. The Department encourages the development of private sources in the United States for the production of Mo-99, and would phase out production if a private source begins to produce Mo-99 reliably. The long-term domestic production of Mo-99 by private sources is not within the scope of this EIS.

The Draft EIS analyzes the environmental consequences of alternative ways to accomplish the proposed action. The Department's preferred alternative would be to modify and operate the Annular Core Research Reactor and associated hot cell facility at Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico and the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory to produce Mo-99 and related medical isotopes. The Draft EIS also analyzes the environmental impacts of producing Mo-99 using the Omega West reactor at Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Power Burst Facility at Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, and the Oak Ridge Research Reactor at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, as well as the impacts of not establishing a Mo-99 production source (the No Action alternative).

DOE has distributed copies of the Draft EIS to appropriate Congressional members and committees, the States of Idaho, New Mexico, and Tennessee, American Indian tribal governments, local county governments, other federal agencies, and other interested parties. Additional copies are available as indicated above.

Signed in Washington, D.C., this 18th day of December, 1995, for the United States Department of Energy.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Puerto Rico Planning Board

EcoEléctrica, L.P.; Notice of Comment Period Extension

December 15, 1995.

Due to comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Preliminary Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed EcoEléctrica LNG Import Terminal and Cogeneration Project in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico, the comment period is extended from December 26, 1995 to January 23, 1996.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 2413-026 Georgia]

Georgia Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

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An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for an application to amend the license for the Wallace Project. The application is to exchange approximately 500 acres of project lands for approximately 500 acres of non-project lands located on the shores of Lake Oconee. The EA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Wallace Project is located on the Oconee River in Greene and Putnam Counties, Georgia.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA are available for review at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2-A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager listed below.

Please submit any comments within 20 days of the date of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix the project number to all comments. For further information, please contact the project manager, Jon Cofrancesco at (202) 219-0079.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, et al.; Notice of Intent to Hold Public Meetings in Marinette, Wisconsin to Discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Relicensing of the Grand Rapids, Chalk Hill, White Rapids, and Little Quinnesec Hydroelectric Projects

December 18, 1995.

On November 22, 1995, the Commission staff mailed the DEIS to the Environmental Protection Agency, resource and land management agencies, and interested organizations and individuals. This document evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed relicensing of the Grand Rapids, White Rapids, Chalk Hill, and Little Quinnesec Hydroelectric Projects. The projects are located on the lower Menominee River in Menominee and Dickinson Counties, Michigan and Marinette County, Wisconsin.

Two public meetings will be recorded by a court reporter and are scheduled to be held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 1996, at the Best Western Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Avenue, Marinette, Wisconsin. You are invited to attend either or both public meetings.

At the meetings, Commission Staff will summarize major DEIS findings and recommendations. Resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have an opportunity to submit oral and written comments on the DEIS for the Commission's public record. Written comments on the DEIS may also be sent to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Comments must be received on or before January 16, 1995. All correspondence should include the project name and number on the first page of the correspondence.

The DEIS considers recommendations of government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicants, and the Commission's staff. It evaluates natural and social resource benefits, the economic costs, and the project-specific and cumulative environmental impacts associated with relicensing the projects.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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